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Claim 22,

line 2: after "claim", replace "6", by --1--.

Claim 23 remains unchanged.

Please cancel claims 24 and 25.

REMARKS:

- 1) Entry and consideration of the present amendments and remarks after Final are respectfully requested, because they are directly responsive to issues raised in the Final Office Action, and because they are deemed to place the application into condition for allowance.
- 2) Referring to the top of page 2 of the Final Office Action, claims 24 and 25 have been cancelled to obviate the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.
- 3) Referring to the second to last paragraph on page 4 of the Office Action, the indication of allowable subject matter in prior claims 6 and 7 is appreciated. The subject matter of claim 6 has been incorporated into twice amended claim 1, to place claim 1 into allowable condition. Claim 6 itself has been cancelled, and claims 7 and 22 have been amended for proper conformance of the claim dependency. Present claim 1, as well as all remaining

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claims 2 to 5 and 7 to 23 depending therefrom, should now be allowable in view of the indication of allowable subject matter.

- 4) The rejections asserted under 35 U.S.C. §103 at pages 3 to 4 of the Office Action have been obviated by the incorporation of allowable subject matter from claim 6 into claim 1. Since claim 6 had not been rejected, the prior art rejections cannot be maintained in connection with the present claims. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103.
- 5) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including present claims 1 to 5 and 7 to 23, are respectfully requested.

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